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In re Application of:	§
RICHARD E. WAITKUS, JR.	§ Group Art Unit: 2841
Serial No.: 10/774,323	§
Filed: February 6, 2004	§ Examiner: RANDY W. GIBSON
Title: “WEIGHING BALED MATERIAL”	§
	§ Atty. Docket No.: 016093.0117

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAIL STOP AF
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY MAILED MAY 24, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed May 24, 2006 of the telephonic interview of May 15, 2006, Applicant submits the following clarifications.

First, the interview summary states that “[a]pplicant stated that it is known in the industry that a trash compactor, such as the Neumann device, has a horizontal compression place which also serves to push the trash out of the compactor at the trash dump site.” Applicant did not intend to convey this idea and to the extent it was understood as such by the Examiner, Applicant offers the following correction. Trash compactors, such as those discussed in the Neumann references may have horizontal or vertical compression plates to compact the contents. Typically, however, the contents of the container are emptied by gravity at the dump site. In

many examples, the compression mechanism is separate from the container that holds the trash, and only the container is removed to a dump site.

Second, the interview summary states that “[a] trash compactor is designed to be picked up as a unit and place onto the back of a truck and hauled to the dump as a sealed unit, where the compactor empties itself by pushing against the compacted trash with the horizontal compression plate (so that no one has to physically come into contact with the trash).” Again, Applicant did not intend to convey this impression of the prior art. As stated above, trash compactors may employ vertical or horizontal compression plates. Furthermore, as noted above, the material compression system of the trash compactor usually is not used to empty the container. Normally, this is accomplished by gravity.

Third, the interview summary states that “[a] recyclable material bundler . . . or tossed onto the back of a truck.” Applicant assumes that “truck” should be “trunk.”

Applicant and Bradley Bowling contacted Examiner Gibson on June 21, 2006 to discuss the matters detailed above. If the Examiner has any further questions he is invited to call Applicant’s attorney.

Applicant believes that there are no fees due. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefore, and direct that any and all fees due are charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. **Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 016093.0117.**

Respectfully submitted,
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